ceiling on export of Chrome Ore is continuing in order to ensure the availability of Chrome Ore for domestic users.

Long Term Plan for Growth of Steel Sector

2193. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any long-term plans for healthy growth of the steel sector keeping in view the raw material resources in the country; and

(b) the details of facilitating role being played by his Ministry in achieving planned growth?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is formulating a National Steel Policy (NSP). The long-term goal of the NSP is that India should become self reliant and globally competitive in the steel sector. The NSP *inter-alia* acknowledges that the country has rich endowment of iron ore and non-coking coal and outlines the policy for making such critical inputs available to the industry. Apart from the broad based policy statement, the NSP also chalks out specific action points for the Government to achieve the policy objectives.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (2004-2005) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (2004-2005) of the Super Bazar, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers: